Health Care Affordability and Quality for Hoosiers

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Overview

- Begin a public discussion about the funding and care delivery issues of health care affordability, quality and the uninsured.
 - ☐ But, the cure could be worse than the disease.
- 14 meetings to gather input from Hoosiers across the State on their health concerns and ideas for solutions.
- Develop a proposal for the Indiana General Assembly to discuss in January 2007.



Uninsured Forum Locations

4/20 Madison

5/1 Gary

5/3 Indianapolis

5/9 Evansville

5/10 Vincennes

5/10 Bloomington

5/18 Muncie

5/22 Crawfordsville

5/30 Fort Wayne

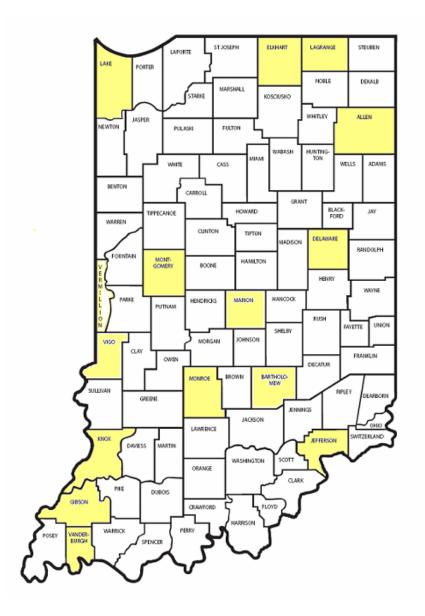
5/30 Lagrange

5/31 Elkhart

6/6 Terre Haute

TBD Columbus

TBD Princeton





Glossary

- FPL = Federal Poverty Level
 - \square 200% FPL for a family of 4 = \$40,000/year
- Government funding programs to hospitals for the care of Medicaid & uninsured
 - □ DSH = Disproportionate Share Hospital
 - □ UPL = Upper Payment Limit
 - ☐ HCI = Health care for the indigent
- MCO = Managed Care Organization
 - □ Like a health maintenance organization (HMO) in the commercial market, but for Medicaid
- DRA = Deficit Reduction Act of 2005
- CNOM = Costs not otherwise matchable
- CMS = Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services



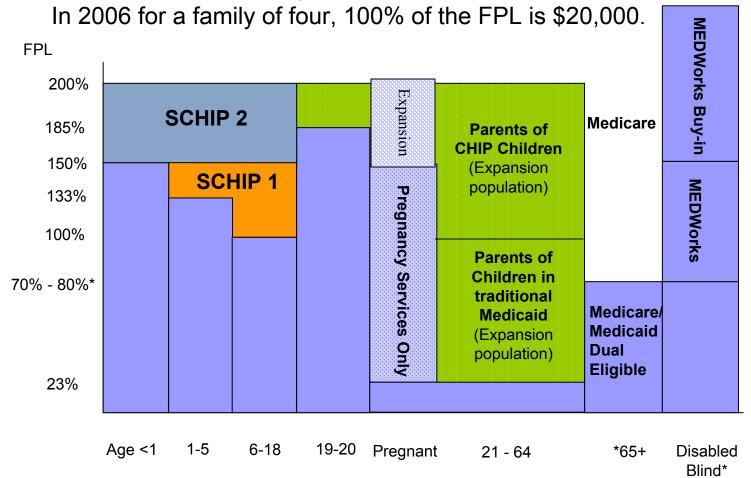
Indiana's Medicaid, an Overview

- Medicaid is only available to certain low income people who fit in an eligibility group recognized by federal and state law.
 - □ Income is based on Federal Poverty Level (FPL)
- Medicaid is a state administered program, funded with both federal and state money.
 - □ In Indiana, the federal govt matches \$2 for every \$1 of state money for eligible populations.
 - □ By federal law, match is not available for adults w/o kids.
- Different states have different eligibility levels and benefits packages.
 - □ IN is known for low coverage levels of adults, but comprehensive benefits package for those that are eligible.

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Major Eligibility Categories & Federal Poverty Levels

FPL is recalibrated annually and dependent on household size.



^{*}Aged, Disabled and Blind income eligibility is driven by SSI standards rather than FPL

Indiana Picture



Demographic & Economic Factors

- From 2000 to 2004, Indiana lost 138,800 jobs.¹
- Industry change away from manufacturing jobs to service sector jobs and/or in small businesses that are less likely to offer health insurance
- The average Hoosier income is 91 cents for every dollar of the average American earns.²
- Indiana ranks 45th in adults with a 4-year college degree per capita.³
- Food Stamps and TANF participation have nearly double in 5 years.⁴
- Indiana has the highest per capita rate of medically bankrupt families, amounting to over 77,000 Hoosiers.⁵

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The Indiana Health Care Market

- Health insurance premiums are increasing in Indiana
- As costs increases, businesses are shifting these costs to their employees
 - ☐ Higher copays, deductibles, and premiums
 - □ Fewer covered services
- Dropping Coverage
 - □ From 1999 2004, Indiana had the second highest drop in employer-sponsored health insurance.
- Since 2000, the number of uninsured has increased by 203,000 people.



Unhealthy & Sicker Population Costs More to Insure

- Compared to the rest of the nation:
 - □ Obesity: 9th (26% of Hoosiers)⁶
 - □ Current Smokers: 7th (25%)⁶
 - ☐ High Cholesterol: 7th (35%)⁶
 - □ Cancer Deaths: 4^{th 7}
 - □ Physical activity in the last 30 days: 39th (75%)⁶
 - □ Large Health Disparities
 - Only 59% of pregnant black women receive adequate prenatal care, compared to 76% of white women.⁷

Note: From 2003 and 2004, Hoosiers smoked and weighed slightly less. However, we still have a long way to go.



Uninsured in Indiana

- Depending on the survey, between 9 14% of Hoosiers are uninsured.
- Between 561,000 868,000 Hoosiers are uninsured.
 - □ LaGrange and Davies Counties have highest percentage of uninsured (16.5% and 16.0%)
 - □ Lowest Rates: Boone 6.2%, Whitley 7.0%, Dubois 7.1%
 - □ Highest number of uninsured is Marion County



Who are the uninsured? Why are they uninsured?

- Most uninsured are working individuals earning less than \$40,000/year for a family of 4.
- Largest increase in number of uninsured is in group earning between \$50,000 - \$75,000 per year for a family of 4
- Over half are working individuals
- Many are part-time, seasonal or temporary workers
- Many work for small businesses that don't offer health insurance
- Many cannot afford to buy health insurance on their own or through their employers



Limited Coverage through Public Programs

- Indiana Medicaid
 - □ 4th lowest coverage level (22% FPL) for non-disabled adults
 - □ Covers disabled, pregnant women & kids
- Medicare
 - □ Cover Seniors 65+
- Adults ages 19-64 Left Out
- The proposal discussed today focuses on the healthy adults between the ages of 19 64.

Will the uninsured in Indiana increase?

Q: How do we finance the care of the uninsured? A: Back door payments by the insured & taxpayers.

Higher Health Care Premiums¹¹
Family = +\$953/year
Individual = +\$373/year

Out-of-Pocket Expenses paid by the Uninsured¹¹ = \$503M

Federally Qualified & Rural Health Centers¹³ = \$40M

Government payments to hospitals¹² (DSH, UPL, HCI) = **\$426M**

Charity Care &
Community Outreach =
Unknown & often Not
Recorded

Total Cost: Over \$2 billion



Consequences of Lack of Insurance

- Economic Impact
 - □ Higher premiums for all (+\$1,494/family/year in 2010)¹¹
 - □ Reduces Indiana's ability to compete in the global market
 - □ Poorer health outcomes
 - □ Treatment delays
 - □ Limited access to preventive services
- Lower Worker Productivity
 - ☐ Higher absenteeism
- More Expensive Care
 - □ Receive care in emergency rooms
 - □ Conditions allowed to progress to crisis levels

Learning from other States



Deficit Reduction Act (DRA)

- Federal government seeks innovation from states
- CNOM = costs not otherwise matchable
- Reform states
 - □ AR, CA, FL, IA, KY, MA, MI, MO, NH, NY, SC, TX, VT, WV
- Find solutions through the private market
- Subsidize low-income people who can't afford coverage
- Vary benefit packages to give more affordable options
 - □ Great cost-sharing at higher income levels
- Develop programs for small businesses so that plans are more affordable and easy to administer
- Promote personal responsibility



Reform in Massachusetts

- Insure over 500,000 uninsured individuals
- Contain health care costs
- Mandate individual health insurance coverage
- Employees premium costs funded in part with pre-tax contributions
- Creates an "Exchange," or central location, to administer health plans
- State will provide the current uninsured with higher income access to purchase affordable coverage
- STATUS: Gov. signed legislation on 4/12



Reform in Michigan

- Insure 1.1 million uninsured Michiganers
 - □ Extend insurance subsidy for the 550,000 individuals up to 200% FPL (\$40,000 for a family of 4)
 - Grant higher income uninsured access to purchase insurance through a pool; contributions are tax-free
- Contain health care costs
- STATUS: Seeking public input & negotiating with federal government

Solutions for Indiana



How do we finance solutions?

- Redistribute current funding of "safety net" pools
- Leverage current state dollars (CNOM)
- Invest new state dollars
 - □ Provider tax or Tobacco tax
- Utilize premium payments & co-payments
- Make contributing pre-tax dollars more simple
 - □ Payroll deduction
- Pursue private donations



What can Indiana offer the uninsured?

- Provide choice to consumer.
 - Modified HMO/Buy into Medicaid program.
 - ☐ Health Savings Account (HSA)
- Subsidize low income people
 - □ How high? 150% FPL? 175%? 200%?
 - What about childless adults?
- Improve access to remaining uninsured (small business, part-time, individuals, etc.)
- Create a more developed infrastructure
- Address cost & quality for the entire system



For the Lower Income Uninsured

- Provide subsidies for beneficiaries via the Medicaid program
- Choice of plan: Employer OR State Plan
- Develop a new plan:
 - Benefits that mirror the commercial market
 - Required copays/cost sharing
 - □ How high will subsidy go....\$35,000 for a family of 4, \$40,000 for a family of 4?

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For the Remaining Uninsured

- A state-brokered pool or "exchange"
- Simplify enrollment for small businesses and individuals
- More affordably priced products
 - □ Reduced premiums paid for with pre-tax dollars
- Allows for employer and employee contributions
- Portable, regardless of job or status (pt/ft) can keep plan



Infrastructure, Cost & Quality

- Build a better safety net system
 - □ To care for Medicaid, uninsured, & underinsured
 - □ Increase access to primary & preventive care
- Develop a Ratings System
 - Allow consumers to understand and compare cost and quality
 - State website with quality information
- Utilize E-Health Records
- Make data driven decisions
- Encourage Integrated care



Positive Impact

- 1. "Front Door" Coverage
 - Address the needs of the 561,000 uninsured Hoosiers.
- 2. More \$\$ to the Indiana Health Care System
 - New Federal Dollars to IN
 - Reduction of Uncompensated Care Costs to Hospitals
- Economic Development
 - Decreases cost shifting to the insured and slows premium growth
 - Eases burden on businesses to provide & finance insurance for low-income workers
 - Healthier & more productive workforce, which is less expensive to insure



For More Information

Visit

www.in.gov/fssa/healthcare/affordability.

- □ Full-length PowerPoint presentation
- □ Times and locations for future forums across Indiana
- Minutes from past forums
- □ Proposal features (summer)



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